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Certificate of Correction Branch Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

United States Patent for System and Method for Determining

Material Properties of Samples

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-identified patent, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.322. This request is made in order to correct the mistakes incurred through the fault of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

The mistakes appearing in the patent are set forth on the Certificate of Correction enclosed herewith, with an additional copy thereof and a postal card being enclosed in accordance with the present USPTO practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 9,

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Line 49, "die first" should read --the first--;

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Line 29, "opening or" should read --opening of--.

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